

Request for Applications

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NEBRASKA PLANNING COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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An application packet must be obtained by contacting the Council Office at 402-471-2330 or mary.gordon@nebraska.gov

The Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities announced on June 6th, 2012 the availability of funds for the State Plan goal in the area of quality assurance to study the level of family support in Nebraska, identify areas needing improvement, and follow-up with a plan to address these issues. The project would begin October 1, 2012. Applications are due by July 27, 2012. Money is available to fund one project a maximum of \$50,000 for one year. Funding for this project comes from federal monies awarded the Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, through the Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act. Eligible applicants are profit and nonprofit entities, faith-based organizations, state agencies, institutions of higher education, or local subdivisions of government. Applicants will be expected to provide 30% match of the total project costs.

Developmental Disability Definition

The term "developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability of a person that:

- Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- Is manifested before the person attains age twenty-two;
- Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: (a) self-care; (b) receptive and expressive language; (c) learning; (d) mobility; (e) self-direction; (f) capacity for independent living; and (g) economic self-sufficiency;
- Reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of

assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated;

- An individual from birth to age 9, inclusive, who has a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition, may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting three or more functional limitations in major life activities, if the individual, without services and supports has a high probability of meeting those criteria later in life.

Time Frame

October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013.

Amount of Funds

The Council has set aside \$50,000 to fund one project in the above stated goal area for one year.

Reports and Delivery Dates

1. Grantee shall commence work on this project October 1, 2012.
2. Grantee and the Department of Health and Human Services Developmental Disabilities Planning Council staff will communicate as needed but with a minimum of contact every three months.
3. Progress reports will be due to the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council staff two weeks following the end of each quarter (January 15, 2013, April 15, 2013, July 15, 2013 and October 15, 2013). A final report will be due 30 days after the end of the grant year.

Additional Requirements

1. Interested agencies must request an application packet by contacting the Council Office at 402-471-2330. Applicant must follow the application instructions provided in the packet.
2. Submitted applications must include signed cover sheet and the Department of Health and Human Services Subgrant Terms and Assurances. Please note that by submitting and signing the application, the applicant agrees that if a subgrant is awarded, it will operate the program as described in the Subgrant Application for funding in accordance with the Subgrant Terms and Assurances. The individual signing these documents must be authorized to legally bind the applicant.
3. This document, together with the approved proposal of the grantee and the letter of award, shall constitute the entire agreement between DHHS and the grantee.
4. Proposals are due no later than **5:00 PM, Friday, July 27, 2012** to:

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Goal: To support quality services across the lifespan based on the needs and decisions made by persons with developmental disabilities and their families.

Objective: Study the level of family support in Nebraska, identify areas needing improvement, and follow-up with a plan to address these issues.

Focus: The Council is currently funding a study of statutes, regulations, and policies impacting family support programs in Nebraska that will be completed in July. When the study is completed, the Council will be looking to identify areas needing improvement and support needed changes. It will be important to have families who are caregivers review the findings and prioritize those areas needing to be focused on in the state.

Intent: It is the intent of the Council to fund one entity to facilitate workgroups around the state made up of families and individuals with developmental disabilities. The workgroups would have representatives of various disabilities, ages, ethnic/minority populations, etc. to review the findings and prioritize the areas that need to be focused on in the state. The applicant would need to facilitate the family committees, provide needed support for their attendance (mileage, child care, food, etc.) and coordinate the meetings. The applicant would be responsible for consolidating the recommendations of the various work groups into a report to the Council. This report would give the state a vision of where it should be and how to get there in the area of family support.

Applications should include:

- Detailed description of the family workgroups (how many, location, size, number of meetings, composition)
- Plan for recruiting and selecting the workgroup members
- Budget including anticipated costs to support family participation